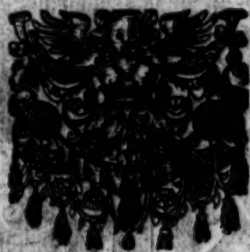


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T I O N O F H I S

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what sort he thinketh fit to enlarge,  
or reserue himselfe in matter  
of Bountie.*



*H* Auing so parti-  
cularly descended  
into the considera-  
tion of Our Estate,  
(respecting Trea-  
sure, and Reue-  
nue,) as Wee finde it full of difficul-  
tie to reduce the same, to the termes

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that

that are to be wished by and such sudden or certaine meanes, as will not require some length of Time, and change of former Customes, both in the maner of our Expence, and of our Bountie; Wee haue thought it one of the best parts of the Cure, not onely to resolve with our selues, to decline from all manner of Expence that shall not bee necessary for the safety of Our Crowne, and honour of that Estate and dignitie (which no King can suffer to fall, but hee must run into contempt both abroad and at home) but also to take such further course as may make knowne to Our Seruants and Subiects; that although it is farre from Our intention to stop all liberalitie from Our  
well

well deserving Seruants, Yet Wee  
 meane not in respect of the vaine or  
 vnnecessary Expence, of any pri-  
 uate man (or vpon false suggestion of  
 former seruices) to be drawne either  
 by the mediation of friendes, or by  
 the importunitie of any party in ne-  
 cessitie, so farre to respect or commi-  
 serate others, as to cast Our Selues  
 and Our Posteritie into those wants  
 or straites, which may driue Vs to  
 lay burdens on Our people, to whom  
 Wee desire to endeere Our Selues by  
 all the Princely offices of fauour  
 and Protection which any earthly  
 King can affoord vnto his Subiects.  
 And therefore as We doe on the one  
 part expressly forbid all Our Ser-  
 uants and Subiects (of what condi-  
 tion

tion soeuer they bee) to propound or offer any Suits to Us, by which Our People in generall may be impouershed or oppressed: So on the other part Wee doe likewise expressly forbid all persons whatsoeuer, to presume to presse vs, for any thing that may either turne to the diminution of Our Reuenew and settled Receipts, or lay more charge vpon Our Ordinarie, vpon paine to bee held and reputed in either of those two kindes, as persons vnworthy to enioy our Fauour or Presence for euer. In which consideration, because wee knowe not whether wee may vnawares, or vpon multiplictie of businesse, chance to passe any Grannt or warrant, contrary to the order set downe herein:

Wee

Wee doe not onely forbid all persons  
 whatsoeur, (either Officers or o-  
 thers) to receiue any such Petitions,  
 or Warrants, as shall be of those na-  
 tures that are forbidden in the sche-  
 dule heereunto annexed (Upon that  
 perill which is due to such presump-  
 tion) but Wee doe forbid our Secre-  
 tarie of Estate, the keeper of Our  
 priuie Seale, and Our Chancel-  
 lour of England, to seale any such  
 Graunt or Warrant, before they  
 haue enformed Us particularly, and  
 receiued a new signification of Our  
 pleasure by a new Warrant vn-  
 der Our hand. And because Wee  
 haue obserued also, that the swift-  
 nesse in preparing Warrants before  
 the Suits be mooued, (a course con-

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trary

trary to all good order,) is oftentimes a meane to hinder the examining and distinction of mens Suits: Wee doe likewise commaund Our principall Secretary, Our Masters of Requests, and all other Ministers employed under Our Secretarie in that seruice, not to suffer any Warrants to bee made for any Suite, before the matter haue bene mooued vnto Vs by petition, and Our pleasure signified for that Warrant which is to passe Our hand: Except it be for any such Warrants or priuie Seales, as serue to direct or appoint any summes of money to bee issued for paiments, that concerne any present seruice for Our selues, or Our Estate, which are things

Exception,



things of other nature, and of greater expedition then matters of Reward.

And in as much as We are desirous to prevent the needlesse attendance of suitors, to their charge and disappointment, (which is little better, if not more preiudiciall, then a meere deniall,) or to leaue men incertaine, within what natures of Suites, they may containe their hopes, and when and where, they may resort for answer or dispatch: Wee haue thought good, to conceive and declare in another Schedule, (hereunto annexed) the natures of such Suites wherein We are pleased to be mooued. And for the manner of propounding or moouing them, Wee doe further de-

To prevent  
charge of  
Suitors.

clare, that either Our Principall Secretary for the time being, or some by Our appointment for him, and the Master of Requests then attending, shall haue audience of Vs for all Suites that doe concerne Our Bountie once in euery weeke at least: At which time if the same shall appeare, to bee within the natures aboue limited for Reward, Our Pleasure shall bee so declared to those that doe present them, as the Suitors shall know what they may looke for, and where they shall be dispatched, according to the nature of the Suit that is mooued: But if any of those Suites shall require further examination or information from any of Our Officers or Commissioners, whose know-

Limitation,

Examination,

knowledge therein may bee necessary,  
for giuing Us further light of the  
Value and Nature thereof, they  
shall then bee referred to those whom  
it concerneth, upon whose Answeres  
and Certificates Wee will signifie  
Our further Pleasure, as cause shall  
require.

And because there may bee Suits, Mixed Suits.  
which doe not fall within the know-  
ledge or distinction of proper Offi-  
cers and Offices (in which cases it  
may be conuenient to referre the Ex-  
amination of them to some such per-  
sons as may conferre with the parties  
that doe present the said Suites, or  
those that may haue some particular  
interest in the same, either in respect  
of trade or otherwise.) Wee haue  
B 3 thought

Commissioners.

thought meet (in that respect) to appoint a certaine number of Commissioners, to examine and consider of all such particulars, as shall bee referred vnto them by Vs or Our Counsell. And to prevent the passing or graunting of any thing which should be contrary to our Lawes, Wee haue made our choice of persons seuerally qualifed, both in the understanding of Our Lawes, and other knowledges, that they may bee so much the better enabled, to report the qualitie of such Suites, to Our Priuie Counsell after conference with the Suitors, and Examination of their seuerall natures, and the Circumstances depending thereupon, which would take too much time, from Our said Priuie

Prinie Councell, if they should  
not bee first prepared and digested by  
that course which is herein expressed.

Lastly, because Wee would be loth  
that those that haue not dayly accessse  
unto Vs, should thinke themselves  
in danger still to bee preuented by o-  
thers, who haue more meanes to  
mooue Suites for themselves then  
they haue; Wee doe declare hereby,  
that (except it bee in Cases wherein  
some speciall industry of discouerie  
may mooue Vs more properly to re-  
spect the first Suitor then any o-  
ther) Wee will not suffer any such  
aduantage to bee taken by one mans  
neereneesse more then another, as not  
to make it one of Our owne Cares  
(whosoever bee the Moouer) to stay  
either

Reseruation for  
absent men.

either the whole, or part for others,  
that deserue well, though they bee  
absent, according as Wee shall ob-  
serue, that Wee haue beene good  
vnto such a Suitor before, in some  
things else, or shall finde the Suites  
themselues to bee of such Value, as  
may content more then one.

**¶ A Me-**

# A MEMORIAL OF THOSE SPE-

ciall things for which Wee  
*expresly command that no Suitor*  
*presume to moue Vs, being mat-*  
*ters either contrary to Our lawes,*  
*or such principall Profits of Our*  
*Crowne, and settled Reuenue,*  
*as are fit to be wholly reserued to*  
*Our owne vse, vntill Our Estate*  
*be repaired.*

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¶ *Things contrary to Our Lawes.*

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1. MONOPOLIES.

2. **G** Raunts of the  
benefit of any  
Penall Lawes, or of power to dis-  
C pense

pense with the *Lawe*, or com-  
pound for the *forfeiture*.

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¶ *Reserued to Our owne vse.*

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3. **R** Ents, Lands, and Leases,  
in *Possession* or *Reuersion*,  
not barring the *Tenants* in *possession*,  
to renew their Estates, for  
xxj. yeeres, or *three liues*, as hath  
beene vsed heretofore.

4. **A**ll Landes entailed vpon  
the Crowne.

5. **C** *Vstomes*, *Impositions*, and  
*Seisures* for the same.

6. **L** *Licences to Import*, or *Ex-*  
*port commodities* prohi-  
bited



bited by the *Law*, or any lawfull  
*Commodities*, without paying the  
 due *Custome*.

7. **P** Profits rising out of Our  
*Tenures*, *Alienations*, and  
*Fines* leuied, or *Recoveries*, either  
*Common Recoveries*, or other.

8. **P** Profits answered vnto Vs,  
 from any of Our *Seales*:

9. **A** *Sfarts*, and *Defectiue Ti-*  
*tles*, as things onely fit to  
 be measured by the rules of Our  
 owne *conscience*.

10. **D** *Ebts* and *Accompts* wher-  
 upon there is any *Seisure*  
 or *Stallement*, and all other *Debts*

and *Accompts* accrued since the  
xxx. yeere of *Q. Elizabeth*.

11. **T**He *Fines* of the *Starre*  
*Chamber*.

12. **N**O newe *Pentions* to be  
granted.


*Neuerthelesse, out of the Gene-  
ralitie of the Natures abovesayde,  
We intend to be excepted the Parti-  
culars expressed in the Schedule  
next ensuing, in which We haue con-  
teined all the Natures, that Wee  
meane to haue reserued for Our  
Bountie.*

**A ME-**

# A MEMORIAL OF THOSE SVITS

*wherein VVe are contented to beemoued by Our Seruants and Subiects, and to reward them according to the particular merit of the Suitor.*

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1.  *Giftes of Offices in Our Gift, to meete and worthy persons.*

2. **K** *eeeping of Parkes and Walkes in Chases and Forests, and keeping of Castles, Forts or Houses.*

3. **F** *Orfaitures of Landes and Goods that shal grow here-*

after by *Murthers* or other *Felonies*, wherein neuerthelesse Wee doe straightly forbid all persons whatsoeuer they be, that shalbe *Suitors* to Vs for any such *Forfeitures*, if there shalbe any motion made before the *Offendours* bee duly conuicted, that they do not in any sort resort to any of Our Iudges; Iustices, learned Councell, or other Ministers of Iustice, nor intermeddle directly or indirectly in the prosecution of the *Cause*, before the *Offendours* be duely conuicted, vpon paine both to bee disabled to obtaine their *Suite* or any part thereof, or otherwise to incurre Our displeasure for their contempt in that behalfe.

4. **P** Ardons in Cases appearing vnto Vs, by due *Certificate* and *Commendation*, to be fit to receiue Our *Mercy*.

5. **E** Scheats that shall growe due for want of *Heire* by *Bastardie* or otherwise.

6. **L** Ands that shal be hereafter purchased by *Aliens*.

7. **D** Enization of such *persons* as shall be thought fit.

8. **F** Orfeitures of *Outlawries* of such as shall bee hereafter *Outlawed* after *Judgement*, and stand so *outlawed* by the space of sixe moneths, after the *Outlawrie* retur-

returned, and likewise of such as are already *outlawed* after Iudgement, and shall not discharge such *outlawrie* within sixe moneths next after the date hereof: with *Cautions* and *Prouision* that the true Creditors shall bee first payed their debts, and that none of Our subiects shall be sued by force of such *Graunt*, for any debt or other cause in Our Name, but onely in the name of the *Grauntee*, and with a Clause to be conteined in such our *Grants*, for submitting the same to Our Court of *Exchequer*, for the mitigation of the extremitie of the forfeiture, a tenth part of the benefite of such *outlawrie* so mitigated

ted to be reserued to Our owne  
Vse.

9. **P** *Roiefts* of new inuention,  
so they be not contrary to  
the *Law*, nor mischieuous to the  
*State*, by raising prices of *com-*  
*modities* at home, or hurt of *trade*,  
or otherwise inconuenient.

10. **D** *Ebts* due before the  
xxx. yeere of *Q. Eliza-*  
*beth*, whereupon there is no *Sei-*  
*sure* or *Installement*.

11. **A** Lso, whereas in the *Sce-*  
*dule* of things reserued  
from *Suit*, We haue made men-  
tion of *Affarts* and *Defectiue Ti-*  
*tles*, as cases fit onely to bee mea-  
D                      fured

fured by Our owne conscience;  
 Yet We do hereby declare, that  
 We do not vnderstand (as com-  
 prehended in that Our *reserua-*  
*tion*) such *intrusions* as haue been  
 made vpon Our *possessions* by co-  
 lour of any *Intaile* where the *In-*  
*taile* is spent, or by colour of any  
*terme*, where the *terme* is expired,  
 being matter of plaine *disinheri-*  
*son* vnto Vs, and that which no  
*Subiect* in his owne *interest* would  
 indure: And therefore Wee are  
 well pleased, That Our *Seruants*  
 and *Subiects* do moue Vs in cases  
 of those *two natures*. Prouided  
 alwaies, that they do not fal vpon  
 any those particular *Titles* which  
 are already made knowen vnto  
 Vs,



Vs, and *Registred* into a *Booke*,  
*signed* by the hand of the *Chan-*  
*cellour* of Our *Exchequer*, to the  
view whereof, as occasion shall  
serue, the *suitor* may be admitted,  
to the intent he may thereby see,  
there is no cause to reward him  
for *discovery* of that, which is al-  
ready knowen; neither also that  
they meddle with any more an-  
cient *Intrusions* but onely such,  
where the *Intrusions* haue beene  
made, since the first yeere of *K.*  
*H. 8.* And that the *Suitors* sub-  
mit themselves to such *compositi-*  
*on*, as shall be made by Our *Com-*  
*missioners*, And a *tenth* part of the  
*benefit* of such *Composition* as shall  
accrue to bee reserued to Our-

D 2 *selues,*

*selues , and Our successours, and the parties in possession , to take a new Patent, with the former Tenure reserved.*

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*And because We are willing that those moneys which doe arise by the faults of offendours , may sometimes serue for matter of Bountie, (to a well deserving seruant) after they are leuied in a course of Iustice, and moderated by those rules of equitie and discretion, with which the publique ministers doe temper the seueritie and rigour of the Lawes, and not pursued, or prosecuted by priuate men, who for the most part care not how they molest , or straine the Subiect in such cases : Wee doe first declare, that Wee are pleased,  
That*

*That all such moneys as shall hereafter come into Our Exchequer, growing either upon forfeitures, or upon Fines inflicted by any of Our Courts of Iustice for notorious crimes, and misdemeanours (Our Court of Star-chamber onely excepted) shall be so distinguished and severed in the Receipt (without being mingled with any other Treasure, nor issued for any Our owne occasions) as Wee may distribute such portion thereof, as shall seeme good unto Us, upon any man that meriteth Reward. Whercin, although Wee knowe Wee shall depart with many branches of those Receipts, which haue come under the Title of ordinary casuall Reue-*

nue of the Kings of England; Yet  
*Wee haue thought it more agreeable  
 to Honour and Iustice, and to the  
 Presidents of the greatest and wi-  
 sest Princes, (aswell Our neigh-  
 bours, as Our Predecessours) when  
 Wee are disposed to Reward any  
 man out of such casualties, to vse  
 Our owne Iudgement for the  
 quantitie, and not to leaue the pro-  
 secution in such cases to priuate  
 men, lest when they know the particu-  
 lar nature of that offence from  
 which their benefit should bee deri-  
 ued, they may take some such indi-  
 rect and violent courses, (in re-  
 spect of their owne gaine) as is farre  
 contrary to that Clemencie, which  
 We haue euer used, and intend to doe*

to all Our louing Subiects; hauing  
 euer thought it as proper for Vs, (re-  
 specting Our Kingly Office) to be  
 the moderatour of the rigour of  
 Our Lawes, as to preserue them  
 from neglect, the one leading to  
 oppresion of many; and the other  
 to the ouerthrow and dissolution of  
 the whole.

In which consideration also,  
 whereas Wee haue beene contented  
 heretofore (and so are still deter-  
 mined) to bestow vpon diuers per-  
 sons according to their merit, some  
 portion of that Benefit which the  
 Lawes haue giuen Vs, vpon the  
 conuiction of Recusants. Wee  
 doe first expresly signifie Our great  
 dislike of such as out of desire of  
 their

their owne priuate profit, haue taken, or shall take undue and extreame courses against any of Our Subiects, aswell by inditing them in places where they haue no Residence, as otherwise; And next, because Wee haue beene also informed; That some others, to whom Wee haue passed such Graunts, haue so much abused Our fauours, as to presume to compound with diuers ill affected, for light summes, before any Conuiction, (whereby the offendours in that kinde haue beene the more backward to conforme themselves: which is contrary to the godly ende and purpose of Our Lawes, that aymed not at their punishment, but at their reformation

formation : *Wee doe hereby command, that in all Graunts of like nature hereafter, a speciall Clause be inserted, that no such Grauntees doe in any wise proceed to Composition with any Recusant before a lawfull Conuiction. And further, that sufficient Caution and Securitie be giuen, that We be duly answered of a third of those Forfeitures or Compositions, for the better vpholding and continuing of that proportion of Reuenue which We haue heretofore receined.*



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